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SUBJECT: EPMG AMMUNITION REQUEST

REFS: (A) CHMAAG 141215Z MAR 75 (SPECAT);
(B) DOD/ISA 151934Z MAR 75;
(C) DOD/ISA 182054Z MAR 75;
(D) STATE 063535
(E) CHMAAG 241206Z MAR 75 (NOTAL)

1. MARENGO MIMI PERTAINS.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF D, USMAAG MADE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ON MARCH 24, 1975, IN WHICH IT WAS REQUESTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE INITIATED ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TYPES OF AMMUNITION SELECTED IN THE PRIORITY AMMUNITION PACKAGE AND NOT YET PROGRAMMED ON THE GROUNDS THAT RATIONALE HAD NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO SUPPORT THE REQUESTS:

- A) .30 AND .45 CAL.
- B) 7.62 MM.
- C) 106 RR HEAT.
- D) 76 MM.
- E) FRAGMENTATION HAND GRENADE.

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3. DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED ON AND OFF THROUGHOUT THE WEEK OF MARCH 24. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND CHARACTERIZED BY A HIGH (BUT MANAGEABLE) LEVEL OF STRESS AS THE MOD REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THE ABSENCE OF PRIORITY AMMUNITION AIRLIFT ARRIVALS, AND THE FACT THAT USMAAG WAS CHALLENGING THEIR REQUEST AFTER THEY HAD PAID ITS ESTIMATED COSTS. BY WEEKEND, MOD AYALEW HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH MAJ. GEN. GIZAW, CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMED FORCES, AND HAD OPTED TO DISPATCH A STRONG LETTER TO HIS SUBORDINATES TO GET THE NECESSARY DATA IN A MANAGEABLE FORM SO THAT THE USMAAG REQUEST FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF RATIONALE COULD BE HONORED.

4. CHMAAG FEELS THAT THIS ACTION HOLDS POSITIVE POTENTIAL, BUT THAT IT MAY BE ANOTHER WEEK OR SO BEFORE IT BECOMES CONCLUSIVE. HE INTENDS TO MONITOR THE ACTION CLOSELY BUT NOT INORDINATELY TO RUSH IT AS LONG AS IT APPEARS TO BE MOVING AT A REASONABLE PACE.

5. RECOMMEND THAT THE PROGRAMMING OF THE ABOVE ITEMS BEYOND THE QUANTITIES ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR AIR AND SEALIFT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL USMAAG/MOD DISCUSSIONS BECOME CONCLUSIVE.

6. BY REF E, CHMAAG INFORMED SECDEF (ASD/ISA) THAT THE 5000 ROUNDS OF M-60 TANK AMMUNITION WAS A VALID REQUEST AND SHOULD BE SHIPPED ON SECOND SURFACE SHIPMENT MARENGO MIMI.
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